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*Restrictions on the rearing of pigs in Tiruchirappalli Municipality.*

* 2248 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 26th February 1955, from the Tiruchirappalli Panri, Kozhi Valarppor Maha Jana Sangam regarding the restrictions imposed by the Tiruchirappalli Municipality on the rearing of pigs within the municipal limits; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government carefully considered the representation and did not see any reason to interfere in the matter."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Will the Government at least direct the municipality to improve the pigs so that they may be given better feeding and therefore look more tolerable? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" To improve the pigs, in what way? "

*Salaries of village officers.*

* 2249 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of village officers who supplement their emoluments by subsidiary occupation;

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to grant interim increments in the salaries of village officers pending Land Reforms; and

(*c*) whether the Government contemplate creating a category of paid full-time village officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) As village officers are part-time Government servants and are free to take up other remunerative work in addition to their regular duties with the permission of the superior officers, it is likely that the number of village officers who are supplementing their emoluments by subsidiary occupation is large. The Government therefore consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of the information required (by the Member) will not be commensurate with the benefit which will be derived thereby.

" (*b*) No such proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

" (*c*) One of the recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee is that the present system of village officers may be replaced by the appointment of lower division clerks and upper division clerks to be in charge of a

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group of villages for attending to the karnam's and village munsif's duties. This recommendation has been examined but no decision has yet been taken by the Government."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" It is stated that the village officers are not full-time Government servants. May I know whether the Government are aware that the standard of living and the economic status of the village officers on the whole are far better than many of the full-time Government servants in this State? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If that is the experience of the hon. Member, let him be satisfied with it."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it not a fact that the Government have issued instructions and orders which stated that the village officers are part-time Government servants and not full-time Government servants? Have they not issued those orders just to evade the responsibility of giving a living wage to those poor village officers who are working full-time and who are full-time Government servants? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" They are part-time servants and that is why they are allowed to take up other work. As regards their working full-time, sometimes it may happen that they may have to work as full-time Government servants do."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" The village officers of the estate villages taken over by the Government are not paid the same pay as is paid to village officers of ryotwari villages. Will the Government consider their case and put them on an equal footing? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, they will soon be placed on an equal footing."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" I am glad to learn from the Hon. Minister that the village officers are allowed to take up other works. But, may I know, whether they have got enough time to take up some other work besides their official work? They have also to attend on the Collector or the Revenue Divisonal Officer or any other officer who visits the village. Is the Hon. the Minister therefore alive to the fact, they are deprived of any opportunity of taking up any other remunerative work? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I concede that sometimes the village officers have got heavy work but that does not preclude them from taking up extra work. As a matter of fact, I know that many village officers take up works of contract and make money that way."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it not a fact that these persons are part-time officials in respect of benefits accruing to them and full-time officials in respect of diabilities and penalties imposed upon them? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, rights and disabilities go according to the nature and category of the office—part-time or full-time."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. Minister for Revenue has expressed the view that the village officers can take up contracts in their own name and get remuneration out of them. But is he aware of the Government Order which definitely prevents them from taking up any remunerative contract in their own name?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Not any contract but certain contracts are precluded. There are thousand odd contracts which do not come under this rule."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM :—" ஜமீன் இனாம் கிராமங்களில் வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய கிராம உத்யோகஸ்தர்களுக்கு மற்ற இடத்தில் இருப்பவர்களைப் போல் சம்பளம் கொடுப்பதில்லை. இனிமேல் கொடுக்கப்படும் என்று கனம் ரெவினியூ மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவித்தார்கள். இது வரையில் கொடுக்கப் படாத சம்பளத்தையும் சேர்த்து கொடுக்கும் காலத்தில் கொடுப்பார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" இம்மாதிரி கொடுப்பதற்கே ரொம்ப கஷ்டப்பட்டு பார்ட் II ஸ்கீமில் சேர்ப்பதாக இருக்கிறது. இன்னும் பழைய பாக்கியையும் சேர்த்து கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்றால் இதற்கே அபாயம் எற்படும்."

9–20 a. SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" From the various questions and answers given on the Floor of the House, the position of village officials is not at all certain. For certain purposes they are considered part-time servants and for certain other purposes they are considered full-time servants. Under the Indian Penal Code, for certain offences they are considered to be full-time public servants. Their position is very precarious. Will the Government take into consideration all these things and clearly state whether they are full-time or part-time servants and whether they will issue instructions in that connection?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is not much use in stating it. The Government are contemplating to solve their difficulties by giving effect to the recommendations as far as possible."

### *Irrigation works under the First Five-Year Plan in Attur taluk.*

*2250 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of irrigation works, that are suggested under the First Five-Year Plan in Attur taluk, Salem district; and their estimated cost;

(*b*) how many of them have been taken up for execution; and

(*c*) how many works were completed before December 1954?